

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 22, beginning after “DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS”, with the following paragraph:

An embodiment of a delivery box system and a reserving method and a charging method for the system will be specifically explained with reference to the figures. FIG. 1 is a view showing the overall arrangement of the delivery box system according to the present invention, FIG. 2 is a ~~diagram~~ diagram showing the arrangement of a control system of the delivery box system according to the present invention, FIG. 3 is a block diagram showing a central management center and a control system of a navigation system disposed to a moving body.

Please replace the second paragraph on page 23, beginning at line 2 of page 23, with the following paragraph:

In FIGS. 1, 2, and 4, reference numeral 2 denotes a delivery box for delivering an article. The delivery box 2 is installed not only in complex housing such as an apartment house and the like where it can be used as a mail box (including a post office box), a home-delivery box, a cleaning box, and the like but also in a public location where many persons gather such as the periphery of a station, an underground shopping arcade, a shopping street, a busy urban area, and the like. Further, the delivery box 2 can be also used to the delivery of rental video tapes, photographs (DPE), and the like and used as a locker.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 23 and 24 with the following paragraph:

In contrast, a central management center 11, which is connected to the control panel 3 through communication means such as the Internet 9 and the like, is provided with delivery box position information database (hereinafter, referred to as "delivery box position information DB") 18 as shown in FIG. 3. The delivery box position information DB 18 acts as delivery box position information storage means for previously storing the position information of the delivery boxes 2 installed at various positions. The position information includes the addresses of the locations of the delivery boxes 2, the compartments of the yards in specific locations at the addresses at which the delivery boxes 2 are installed, and further the detailed position of a box in a particular delivery box 2 which indicates that the box is positioned on any of the right, left, upper and lower sides of the delivery box.

Please replace the third paragraph on page 25 with the following paragraph:

The mobile phone 1 is provided with a radiowave transmitter 1c of a short distance radio standard ~~making use of an infrared ray communication, for example,~~ such as Bluetooth™ and the like, thereby a short distance radio communication ~~can be made~~ between the mobile phone 1 and the radiowave receiver 3k disposed ~~to the control panel 3 of~~ on the delivery box ~~[[2]] 2's control panel 3.~~

Please replace the second paragraph on page 26 with the following paragraph:

Accordingly, the phone number information of the mobile phone 1 itself, ID number information, barcode information, and voice print information, which are examples of ID information, and the digital information of digital image information can be transmitted between the mobile phone 1, which can ~~transmits~~ transmit the ID information, and the control panel 3 of the delivery box 2. The ID information transmitted from the mobile phone 1 is received by a transmitting/receiving unit having a phone function and checked, thereby the delivery box 2 can be unlocked by controlling a locking mechanism 8 by the CPU 6 acting as unlock control means.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 27 and 28 with the following paragraph:

As shown in FIG 2, a controller 4, which acts as unlocking control means, is disposed in the control panel 3 on the delivery box 2. The controller 4 unlocks the door of the delivery box 2 when reservation ID information to be described below and reserved box ID information, for example, the number of a reserved delivery box 2 inherent to it, are checked against and the reservation ID number and the reserved box ID information, which are input by a box-reserving person or an article-leaving person through the input means 3a and the former information coincides with the latter information. The above reservation ID information is a reservation ID number and the like, which are inherent to a reserving action transmitted from the central computer 10 disposed in the central management center 11 when the reservation of the delivery box 2 or leaving of an article therein is accepted and which are related to the ID information, for example, the phone number and the like of the mobile phone 1 of the box-reserving person.

Please replace the second paragraph on page 30 with the following paragraph:

The memory 7 is composed of a working area, a buffer area and the like. The working area temporarily stores the data being ~~instructed~~ executed by the CPU 6, a result of an arithmetic operation executed by the CPU 6, and the reserved box ID information and the reservation ID information input from the input means 3a as well as temporarily stores the reserved box ID information and the reservation ID information transmitted from the central management center 11. The buffer area stores various types of programs for operating the CPU 6 and various types of data.

Please replace the last paragraph on 30 with the following paragraph:

The door of the delivery box 2 is in a so-called automatically locked state in which it is locked at all time before it is used, thereby ~~it can be previously prevented that~~ preventing the delivery box 2 ~~[[is]]~~ from being used ~~[[by]]~~ in a prank or as a junk box.

Please replace the second paragraph on page 32 with the following paragraph:

The central management center 11 includes a memory 12 acting as storage means for storing the empty state information, which is transmitted from the transmitting/receiving unit 5 at any time, of the delivery boxes 2 installed at the respective locations, and the memory 12 stores the reception and shipment information of articles detected by the infrared ray sensor 3d at any time and the various states of the delivery boxes 2 such as the start~~[[, the]]~~ and end of a reservation, the ~~cancel~~ cancellation of a reservation, and the like, transmitted from the central

computer 10 acting as the empty state detection means at any time while being updated when necessary. Further, the memory 12 stores a series of progress information for a predetermined period.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 32 and 33 with the following paragraph:

FIG 5 is a flowchart briefly explaining an operation for reserving the delivery box 2 according to the present invention. To reserve the delivery box 2, the box-reserving person selects a district where the delivery box 2 is to be reserved (step S201), selects a location where the delivery box 2 exists (step S202), and selects a box size (step S203), thereby it is displayed that the reservation is finished (step S204), and a reservation confirmation mail is transmitted (step S205).

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 33 and 34 with the following paragraph:

It should be noted that when the mobile phone 1 is in front of the reserved delivery box 2 ~~is reserved in front of it~~, the mobile phone 1 may inquire the mobile phone number and a personal ID, such as the membership ID number and the like, used for reserving the delivery box 2 may be inquired by making a phone call to a designated phone number ~~through the mobile phone 1~~ and transmitting the ~~phone number of the~~ mobile phone ~~[[1]]~~ 1's own phone number itself as shown in FIG 2. When the mobile phone 1 is connected to a mobile phone connecting means 3i, the phone number of the mobile phone 1 is transmitted to the controller 4 of the control panel 3, thereby both the mobile phone number and the membership ID number can be input simultaneously.

Please replace the fourth paragraph on page 34 with the following paragraph:

Next, in step S3 of FIG. 6, the content of a job, that is, whether a box is reserved and registered or the content of a reservation made once is cancelled, is selected as shown in FIG. 8B, and when the box is reserved, "1. Reserve box" shown in FIG. 8B is displayed.

Please replace the first paragraph on page 35 with the following paragraph:

In next step S5, a reservation desired district is selected from the options of reservation desired districts and highlighted as shown in FIG. 8D. For example, when "4. Shibuya-ku" shown in FIG. 8D is highlighted, a list of locations where empty boxes are available in Shibuya-ku is displayed in step S6 as shown in FIG. 8E, and a desired location (for example, "1. In front of Tokyu Hands") is selected and highlighted. Note that when the mobile phone 1, the personal computer and the personal digital assistant are used, a peripheral map is displayed together with the location.

Please replace the second paragraph on page 35 with the following paragraph:

Next, as shown in FIG. 8F, the sizes of the empty boxes of the delivery box 2 installed in the locations are displayed, and when a box having a desired size is available, a desired box size (for example, "1. L size") is selected and highlighted (steps S7 and S8 of FIG. 6).

Please replace the fourth paragraph on page 35 with the following paragraph:

When "1. Reservation fixed" shown in FIG. 8G is selected and ~~[[fixed]]~~ highlighted in step S11 of FIG. 7, the box "C003" is reserved, a reserved location number "001" of the delivery box 2 installed in front of Tokyu Hands and the reserved box number "003" are combined, thereby "001C003" is set as reserved box ID information.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 45 and 46 with the following paragraph:

It should be noted that when the reserved box ID number and the reservation ID number input in step S34 are not authorized numbers, a ~~message~~ message that "Input authorized reserved box ID number and reservation ID number" is displayed on the display means 3b and the user is prompted to input them again. When the authorized ID numbers cannot be input even if the user inputs them a predetermined number of times, the job is automatically ended. Further, the job can be cancelled by depressing a cancel button (not shown).

Please replace the fifth paragraph on page 56 with the following paragraph:

When no article is detected by the the infrared ray sensor 3d (step S95), the door of the delivery box 2 is automatically locked (step S96), and the display means 3b is switched to the power saving mode (step S97). Note ~~[[thin]]~~ that steps S93 to S95 are repeated until no article is detected by the the infrared ray sensor 3d.